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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: June 19, 2003
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. Robert Garton, Chairman; Sen. Becky Skillman; Sen. Joseph Harrison; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Earline Rogers; Rep. Russell Stilwell; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Scott Pelath; Rep. Brian Bosma; Rep. Richard Mangus.

Members Absent: Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, Vice-Chairman; Sen. James Lewis; Rep. Kathy Richardson.

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I. Call to Order

Senator Robert Garton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. The Chairman asked for a roll call, and declared a quorum present. Representative Kathy Richardson, Senator James Lewis, and Speaker B. Patrick Bauer were excused from attendance.

The Chairman then announced that Senator David Long would chair the Sentencing Policy Study Committee. Senator Garton also announced that the Personnel Subcommittee met prior to today's meeting and had approved payment of dues to the Council of State Governments as well as the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) personnel package, as recommended by Mr. Philip Sachtleben, Executive Director of the LSA.

II. Indiana Economic Development Corporation

The Chairman recognized Mr. Sachtleben to give a presentation concerning the current statutory division/offices and programs related to economic development and community development activities in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Sachtleben explained that the exhibits given to the Council were to illustrate the current organization of economic development and community development activities in the Office of Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Sachtleben pointed out that these exhibits illustrate the difficulty in preparing legislation to accomplish the reorganization that was started, but not finished by HEA 1001-2003. Mr. Sachtleben asked that the Council either appoint a subcommittee to guide the LSA in this drafting activity or charge an already existing committee or commission with this topic.

Representative Charlie Brown asked if Mr. Sachtleben knew the number of minorities and women that held positions in the offices listed on the exhibits. Mr. Sachtleben responded that he did not have this number with him, but would note Representative Brown's question and contact him with an answer.

Mr. Sachtleben then presented the next item in the Council's packet which showed a search of the Indiana Code for statutes referring to the Department of Commerce. Mr. Sachtleben mentioned that in the process of drafting legislation for 2004 each of these statutes would have to be addressed.

The Chairman thanked Sach for the presentation and asked if the members had any questions. Seeing none, the Chairman announced the creation of a subcommittee to the Legislative Council to handle this matter. The chairman appointed Representative Russell Stilwell, Senator Thomas Wyss, Senator Richard Young, and Representative Brian Bosma. Representative Bosma was appointed chair of the subcommittee.

III. Consideration of LCR 03-04 concerning assignment to the Code Revision Commission regarding constitutional amendment ballot questions for the 2004 ballot

The Chairman moved on to the discussion of LCR 03-04. Senator Garton explained that there were three questions to be on the ballot in November 2004, and the discussion is who drafts those questions. The Chairman recognized Mr. Sachtleben to speak on the matter.

Mr. Sachtleben said the General Assembly is charged with drafting the questions for the ballot. The statute also provides that if the General Assembly does not prepare the question then the duty falls to the Indiana Election Commission.

Mr. Sachtleben then explained that LCR 03-04 would assign the drafting of these questions to the Code Revision Commission. The topics are as follows:

- (1) Senate Enrolled Joint Resolution 5-2003 concerning property tax exemptions.
- (2) House Enrolled Joint Resolution 7-2003 concerning terms of county officials.
- (3) House Enrolled Joint Resolution 8-2003 concerning succession to the Governor's office when the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor are both vacant.

The Chairman recognized Representative Brown for a question. Representative Brown asked for clarification on exactly what the questions would be used for.

Senator Becky Skillman then added that one of the questions involved was concerning the lag between when some county officials are elected and when they actually take office. She stated that in some cases the officials were prevented from taking office for many months.

The Chairman then explained that this was only a charge to the commission to draft the question for a bill to be recommended to the 2004 General Assembly. The Chairman then asked for a motion, which was made and seconded. LCR 03-04 was then adopted by voice vote.

IV. Consideration of LCR 03-05 concerning the assignment of geologist training issues to the Natural Resources Study Commission

The Chairman commented that the LCR would assign the topic of "geologist training issues" to the Natural Resources Study Commission. He mentioned that the issue had been studied in the past and turned down. The Chairman said that he would leave this matter to the will of the Council.

Representative Stilwell made a motion to adopt LCR 03-05. Representative Grubb seconded the motion. The Chairman then called for a voice vote. After a voice vote, a division was called and a roll call vote was taken.

LCR 03-05 was adopted by a roll call vote of 7 to 6.

V. Consideration of LCR 03-06 concerning the adoption of legislative travel rules

The Chairman presented the next agenda item concerning changes to the legislative travel rules. The Chairman pointed out that many of the changes were technical, but some substantive changes were made. The Chairman explained, for example, instead of using a stagnant number in the travel rules for the mileage reimbursement rate, the rate would now be tied to the budget bill and thus reevaluated every budget year. The Chairman asked that Mr. Sachtleben explain the other changes to the rules.

Mr. Sachtleben pointed out that the rules were out dated and the changes made were in many cases simply an update of language. He pointed out, for example, that the updated rules expressly say that a credit card statement can substitute for a lost receipt to show expenses for reimbursement. Mr. Sachtleben said that he would be happy to answer any individual questions. The Chairman opened it up for questions.

Representative Brown asked that if he were to travel by plane, and another legislator going to the same meeting was to travel by train, would the person who traveled by train get more days to arrive at the meeting?

Mr. Sachtleben explained that the practice is to allow one day each way for travel. He noted that there could be an exception given by leadership to those who are traveling outside the United States, to allow more time for international travel.

The Chairman asked for a motion. Senator Young made a motion to adopt the LCR. The motion was seconded by Representative Bosma. LCR 03-06 was adopted by voice vote.

VI. Provisional next meeting date

As there was no other business to come before the Council, the Chairman announced a potential meeting date as WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2003 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 404 of the State House.

VII. Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.